

1 THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR  
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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SEATTLE

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

11 Plaintiff,

v.

12 GERSON ALBERTO FLORES-RIVERA,

13 Defendant.

CASE NO. CR21-0096-JCC

ORDER

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15 This matter comes before the Court on Defendant's motion to continue trial and pretrial  
16 motions deadline. (Dkt. No. 30.) Defendant indicates that the Government does not oppose. (*Id.*  
17 at 3.) Having considered Defendant's motion and the relevant record, the Court GRANTS the  
18 motion for the reasons explained below.

19 Trial in this case is currently set for December 6, 2021, with pretrial motions due  
20 November 5, 2021. (Dkt. No. 27.) Defendant's counsel indicates that a continuance is necessary  
21 so he can review extensive discovery, counsel his client, prepare motions needed for trial, and, if  
22 necessary, explore resolution. (*See* Dkt. No. 30 at 3.) Additionally, this case is related to two  
23 others, *United States v. Valdez-Sanudo et al.*, CR20-0217-JCC (W.D. Wash. 2020) and *United*  
24 *States v. Gomez-Marentes*, CR20-0092-JCC (W.D. Wash. 2020), which, together, involve 35  
25 defendants.

26 Having thoroughly considered the briefing and the relevant record, the Court FINDS that

1 the ends of justice served by granting a continuance outweigh the best interests of Defendants  
2 and the public to a speedy trial. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A). The reasons for this finding are:

3       1.     Taking into account the exercise of due diligence, failure to grant a continuance  
4 would deny counsel for Defendant reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, *see* 18  
5 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv), and would therefore result in a miscarriage of justice, *see* 18 U.S.C.  
6 § 3161(h)(7)(B)(i).

7       2.     This case is sufficiently complex, in light of the related cases, such that it is  
8 unreasonable to expect adequate preparation for trial within the time limits established by the  
9 Speedy Trial Act. *See* 18 U.S.C. § 3162(h)(7)(B)(ii).

10      Accordingly, the Court ORDERS:

11     1.     Defendant's motion (Dkt. No. 30) is GRANTED.  
12     2.     The December 6, 2021 jury trial is CONTINUED to June 20, 2022.  
13     3.     The pretrial motions deadline is CONTINUED until May 23, 2022.  
14     4.     The period from the date of this order until June 20, 2022 is an excludable period  
15 under 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

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17      DATED this 19th day of October 2021.

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John C. Coughenour  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE